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White-naped Woodpecker
(*Chrysocolaptes festivus*)

कठफोड़वा

जंगल में पक्षियों के बीच एक कठफोड़वा भी है,
पेड़ की खोखलों में बैठा दूर बहुत दूर,
जो कटते जंगलों से निराश है,
उसे सिर्फ अब खुद पे विश्वास है,
कि वो बचा लेगा सब कुछ उजड़ने से,
पूरे जंगल को खुद से बिछड़ने से,
जिन पेड़ों को कीट-पतंगों से बचाया है,
आरियों ने कहर मचा सब कुछ मिटाया है,
आओ बचा ले जंगल कठफोड़वे संग अपना,
कहीं दूर ना हो जाये प्रकृति से ये रंग अपना।।

इस घने जंगल में है बहुत शोर क्यों?
दिख रहा कठफोड़वा आज मनभोर क्यों?
दूर तक नजरों में बस ठक-ठक की आवाज है,
बीच पेड़ के खोखलों में आपसी ये जोर क्यों?
इस घने जंगल में है बहुत शोर क्यों।।

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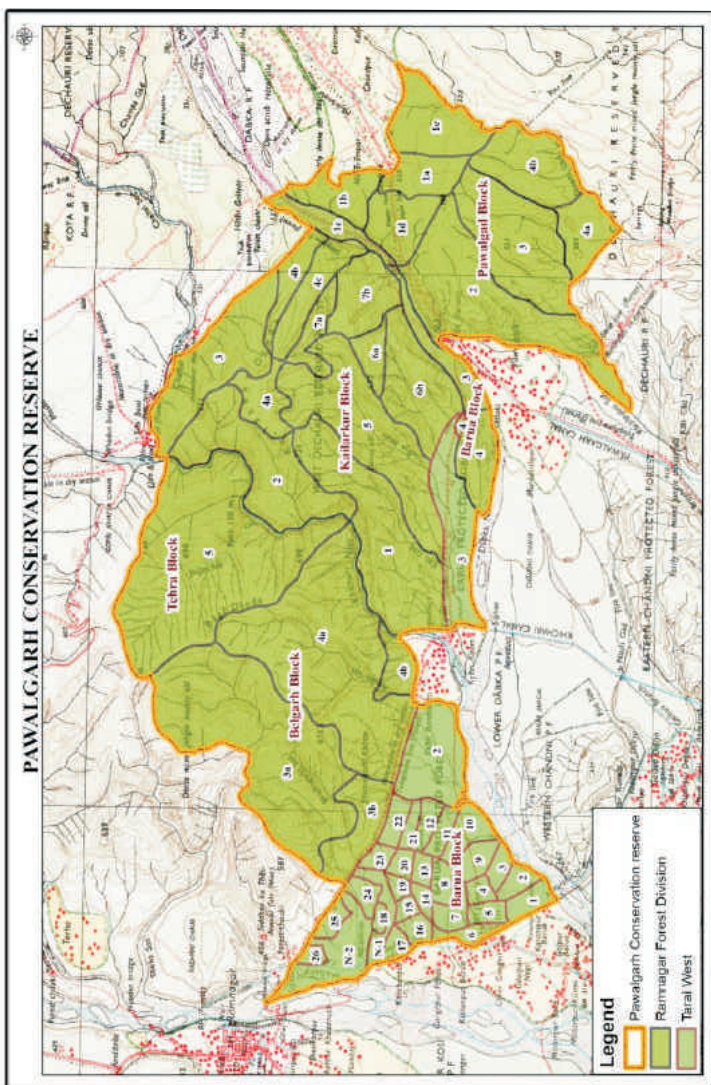
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Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve

State: Uttarakhand

Total area: 58.25 sq. km

It was notified as a Conservation Reserve in December 2012

The area consists of moist deciduous forest with sub group

Moist Shiwalik Sal 3C/C 2a

Moist Bhabhar Sal 3C/C 2b (1)

Soil type: Forest and Hill Soil and Gangetic alluvial soil (calcareous)

Rivers: Many small rivulets emerge from the woodland and discharge into small nalahs which finally drain into KOSI and DABKA.

Kosi-Baur corridor: It is an important link for the movement of wildlife.

The Conservation Reserve is home to 19 species of woodpeckers and its allies of the total 34 species found in India.



Woodpeckers

कठफोड़वे

They are chiefly arboreal and are seen climbing up the vertical trunks and lateral branches with the help of their zygodactyl feet (two toes pointing forward and two backward) and powerful tail.

They have powerful bills for (a) boring into wood to extract insects for food and (b) excavate cavities for nesting and roosting.

Food primarily consists of ants, termites, and grubs and pupae of wood-boring beetles.

They can be located with the help of their characteristic loud calls (*aural cues*).



Greater Yellownape (Female juvenile)



The intention of this book is to provide an easy-to-use guide in the identification of woodpeckers using the photographs for different species as well as each individual (Male and Female). Both common names as well as scientific names have been provided. This booklet covers 12 of the commonly seen woodpecker species. We expect the guide to become an important tool for farmers as well as foresters alike as woodpeckers help prevent us from mass infestation by harmful insects.



(inside nesting cavity)



Great Slaty Woodpe

(*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*)



Male/♂

cker/ ग्रेट स्लेटी वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 51 cm



Female/ मादा



Greater Goldenback/

(Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus)

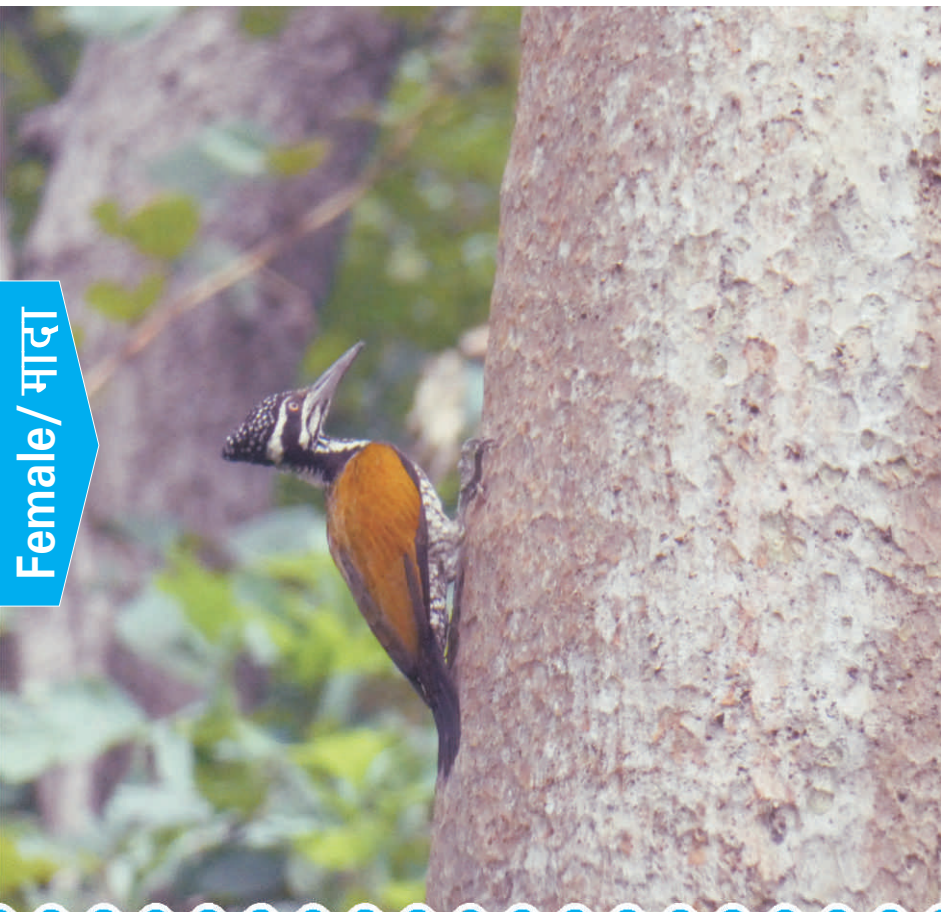


Male/♂

ग्रेटर गोल्डनबैक

Resident

Size: 33 cm



Female/ मादा



Greater Yellownape

(Picus flavinucha)



Male/♂

/ ग्रेटर येलोनेप

Resident

Size: 33 cm



Gray-headed Woodpecker

(Picus canus)



Male/♂

ker/ ग्रे-हैडेड वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 32 cm



Female/ मादा



Himalayan Goldenback /

(Dinopium shorii)

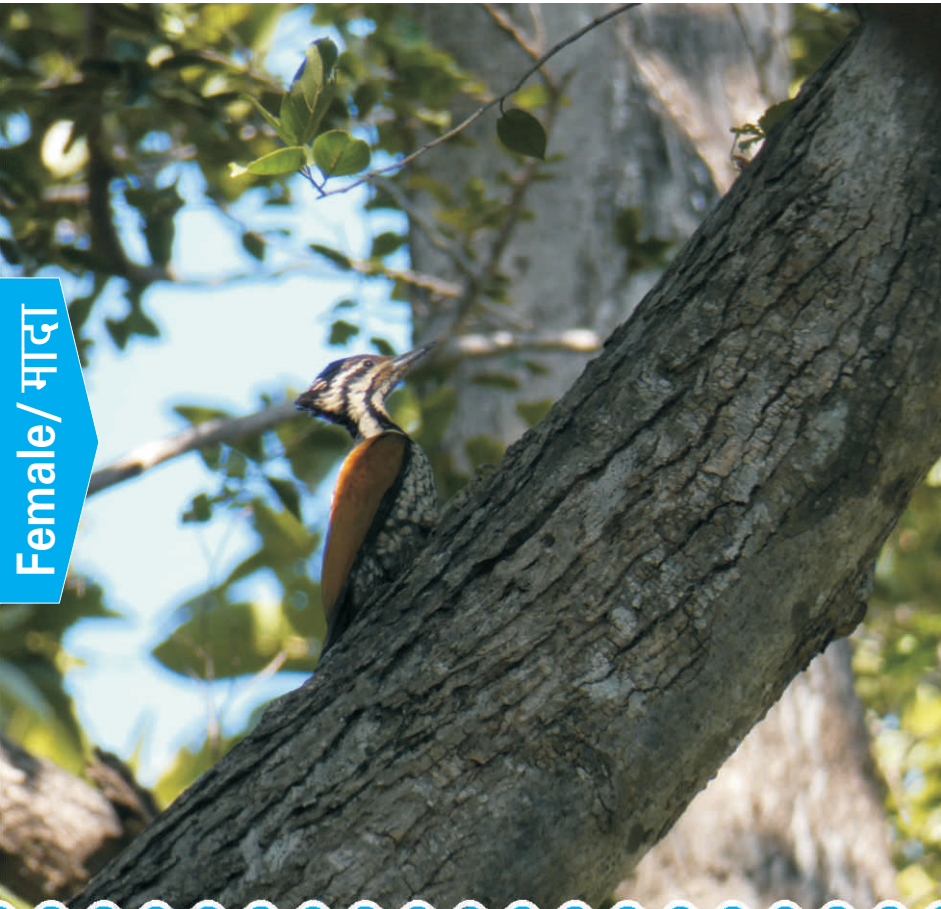


Male/♂

हिमालयन गोल्डनबैक

Resident

Size: 30-32 cm

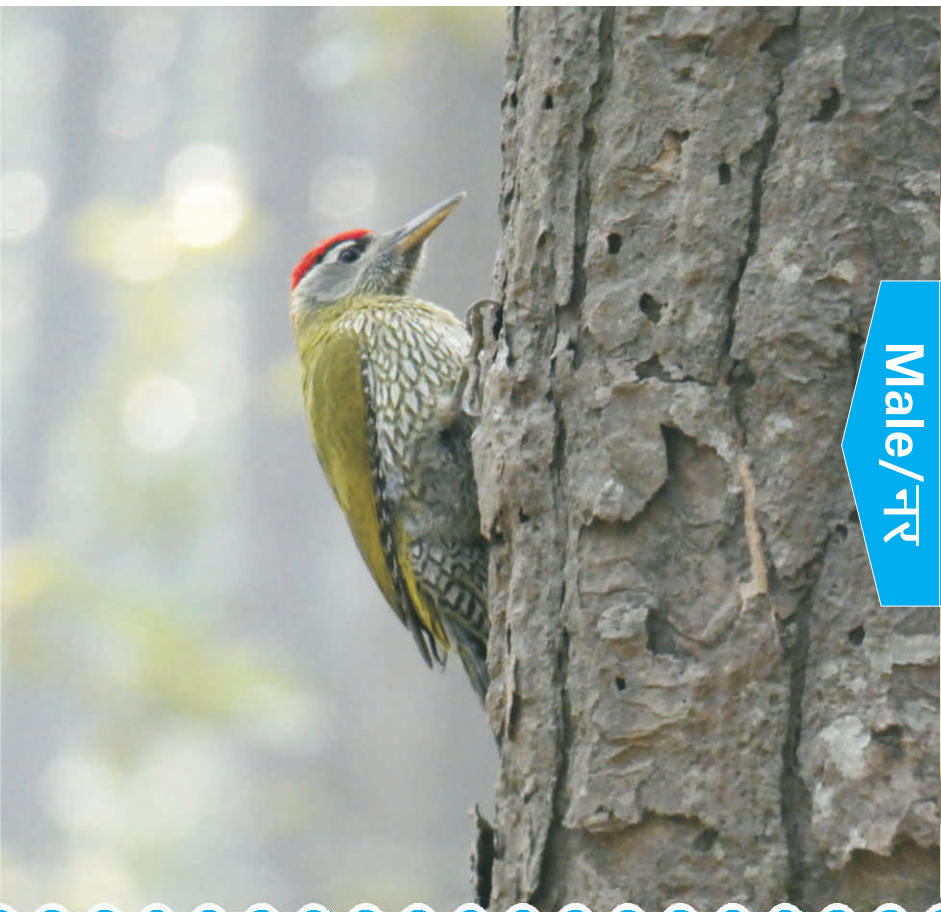


Female/ मादा



Streak-throated Woodpecker

(Picus xanthopygaeus)



Male/♂

cker / स्ट्रीक-थ्रोटेड वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 30 cm



Female/ मादा



Black-rumped Flameback/

(Dinopium benghalense)



Male/♂

ब्लैक-रम्पड फ्लैमबैक

Resident

Size: 26-29 cm



Female/ मादा



Lesser Yellownape/

(Picus chlorolophus)



Male/♂

लैसर येलोनेप

Resident

Size: 27 cm



Female/ मादा



Rufous Woodpecker

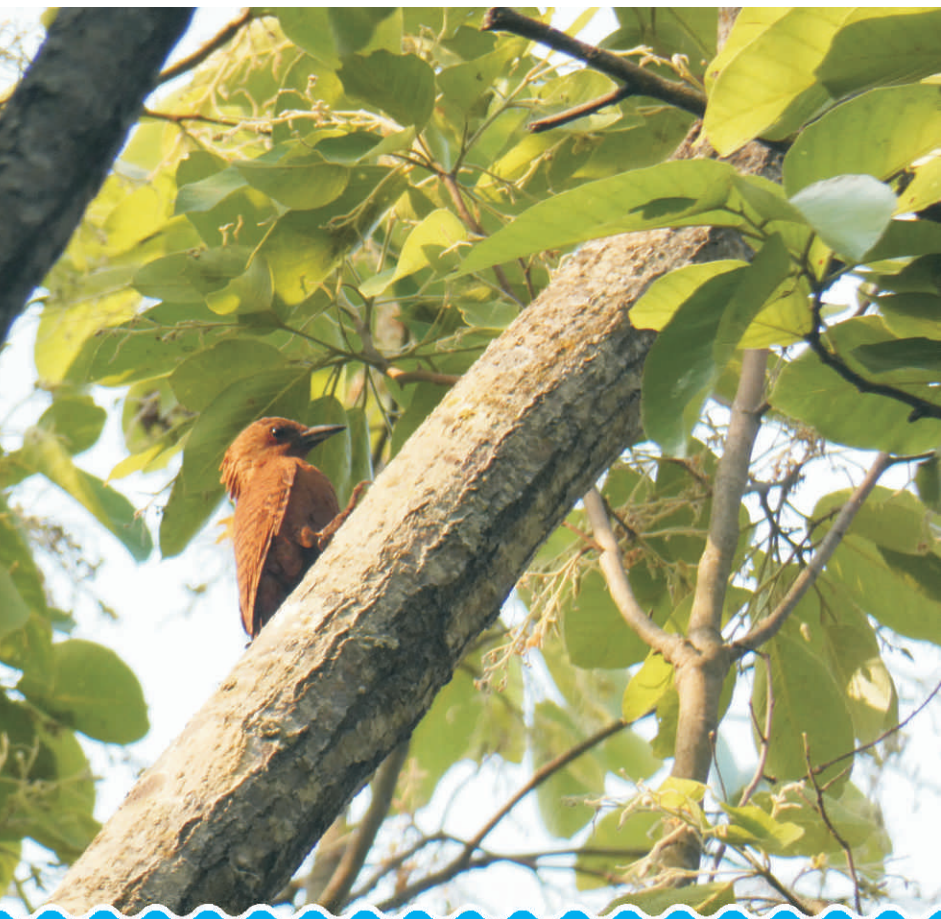
(Micropternus brachyurus)



/ रूफ़स वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 25 cm



Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker

(Dendrocopos macei)

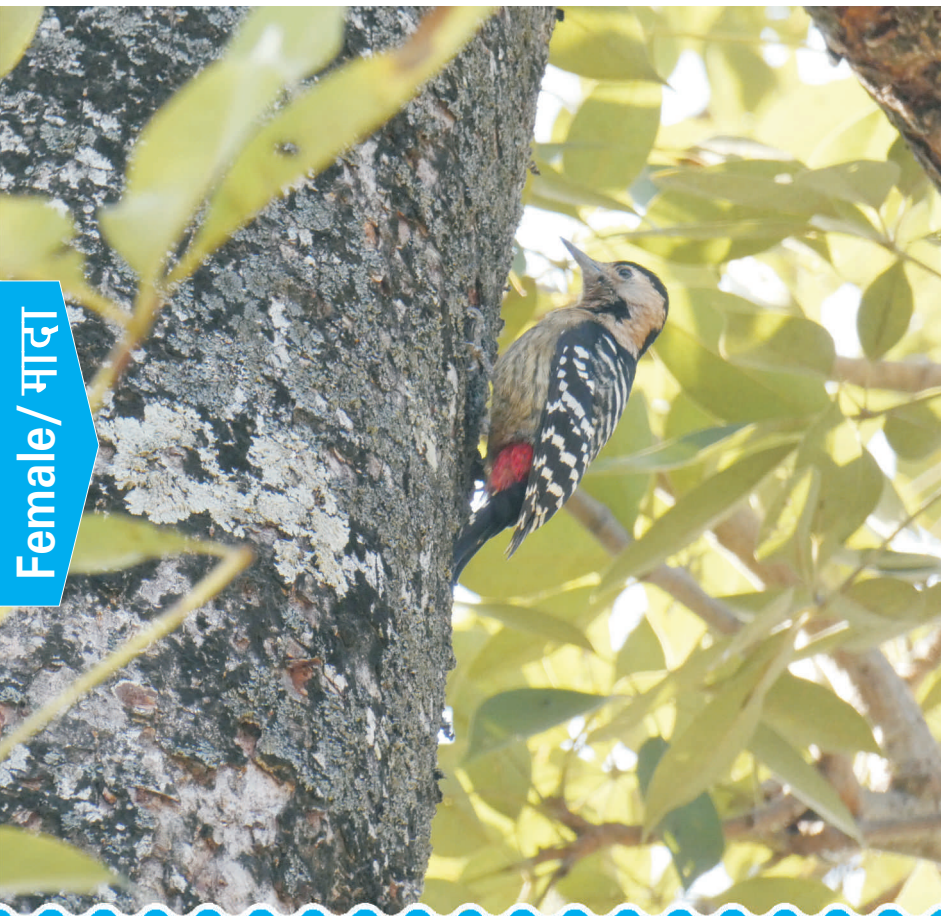


Male/♂

/ फुलवस-ब्रेस्टेड वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 18-19 cm



Female/ मादा



Gray-capped Woodpecker /

(Dendrocopos canicapillus)



Male/♂

ग्रे-केण्ड वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 14 cm



Female/ मादा



Brown-capped Woodpecker /

(Dendrocopos nanus)



Male/♂

ब्राउन-केप्ड वुडपेकर

Resident

Size: 13 cm



Female/ मादा



Other Woodpeckers and its allies at Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve

Woodpeckers

- i) Scaly bellied Woodpecker (*Picus squamatus*)
Resident
Size: 35 cm
- ii) White-naped Woodpecker (*Chrysocolaptes festivus*)
Resident
Size: 29 cm
- iii) Himalayan Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos himalayensis*)
Resident
Size: 23-25 cm
- iv) Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*)
Resident
Size: 20 cm
- v) Brown-fronted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos auriceps*)
Resident
Size: 19-20 cm

Allies

- i) Speckled Piculet (*Picumnus innominatus*)
Resident
Size: 10 cm
- ii) Eurasian Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)
Migrant
Size: 16-17 cm

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